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Sen. Sanborn proposes legislation to aid industrial-pattern manufacturers

LANSING –Industrial pattern shops would see a reduced tax burden under legislation sponsored by Sen. Alan Sanborn, R-Richmond Township, and now is before the full Senate.

“Michigan manufacturers are being hit hard by overseas firms who pay their employees a fraction of what American workers earn,” Sanborn said. “My effort is one way to help ensure our state and our nation remains globally competitive and a great place to do business.”

Sanborn has introduced a bill which would allow industrial-pattern makers to be included with the tool and die business so they can be designated as a recovery zone and for gaining tax benefits. His legislation has been approved by the Senate Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform Committee, which Sanborn chairs.

“This idea was brought to my attention by U.S. Pattern Co., Inc. located in Richmond,” Sanborn said. “They have been in business over 65 years and wanted to take advantage of the benefits of enrolling in the Tool and Die Recovery programs offered by the State of Michigan.”

U.S. Pattern employs 20 full-time people and company leaders are concerned about the dwindling numbers of pattern makers in southeastern Michigan. Some parts made there are increasingly being produced overseas.

Sanborn’s legislation is Senate Bill 371.

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Editors note: A photo of Sanborn and leaders of U.S. Pattern Co., a Richmond based Company, who testified in favor of the bill, is available on the senator’s photowire page:

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